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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH CROWN PRINCE FAHD ON
BOYCOTT

1. PLEASE INFORM FAHD THAT I DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE MESSAGES HE HAS SENT THROUGH YOU SINCE OUR DISCUSSION OF THE BOYCOTT PROBLEM IN RIYADH. I PLAN IN MY STATEMENT BEFORE COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE ON FEBRUARY 28 AND MARCH 1 TO MENTION EXPLICITLY THE POINTS FAHD HAS AUTHORIZED ME TO MAKE REGARDING LACK OF CONNECTION BETWEEN SAUDI BOYCOTT PRACTICE AND RACE OR CREED, AND SAG'S ACCEPTANCE OF POSITIVE CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN. THIS WILL, I AM SURE, BE HELPFUL IN HIGHLIGHTING BOTH THE MERITS OF QUIET DIPLOMACY AND THE CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE OF THE SAG ON SOME OF THE URGENT PROBLEMS NOW FACING US.

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2. YOU SHOULD ALSO INFORM FAHD OF THE NATURE OF THE STATEMENT I SHALL BE MAKING TO THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ON THE BOYCOTT PROBLEM (FULL TEXT BY SEPTTEL). TELL HIM THAT, SOLICITOUS OF THE CONCERNS HE EXPRESSED TO ME AND HAVING MUCH IN MIND THE VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE WE BOTH ATTACH TO OUR OVERALL RELATIONSHIP, I WILL BE EMPHASIZING TWO POINTS AMONG OTHERS: (A) WE DO NOT QUESTION THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT

OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO MAINTAIN A PRIMARY BOYCOTT AND REGULATE THEIR OWN COMMERCE--TO CONTROL THE SOURCE OF THEIR IMPORTS AND DESTINATION OF THEIR EXPORTS; (B) FOR OUR PART, U.S. LEGISLATION CAN PROPERLY ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS OF U.S. COMMERCE AND THE DECISIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF AMERICAN FIRMS RELATED TO THE PRACTICE OF A BOYCOTT BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES AGAINST ANOTHER COUNTRY. I WILL ALSO BE STRESSING OUR INTENTION TO MAINTAIN CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

3. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU SHOULD ALSO REVIEW THE POINTS OUR EMBASSIES WILL BE MAKING IN OTHER ARAB CAPITALS (SEPTEL). THIS COULD INCLUDE, IF YOU BELIEVE APPROPRIATE, THE ADDITIONAL STEPS THAT THE ARAB COUNTRIES MIGHT TAKE TO REDUCE THE PROBLEMS THAT WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE LEGISLATION WHICH WILL BE FORMULATED HERE IN COMING WEEKS WITH REGARD TO THE ACTIONS OF U.S. FIRMS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SECONDARY BOYCOTT. IF YOU ALSO BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE, THIS MIGHT BE THE TIME TO SUGGEST THAT SAG CONSIDER ADDITIONAL STEPS IT MIGHT ITSELF TAKE THAT WOULD SEEM TO ACCORD LOGICALLY WITH ITS RECENT VERY HELPFUL DECISION ON POSITIVE CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN. WE ARE VERY MUCH AWARE THAT MANY OTHER ARAB GOVERNMENTS LOOK TO SAG FOR LEADERSHIP ON SUCH QUESTIONS.

4. YOU SHOULD SAY THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE IN THE CONGRESS FOR VERY EARLY PASSAGE OF SOME NEW LEGISLATION ON THE BOYCOTT, ALTHOUGH WE THINK IT WILL ACTUALLY BE A NUMBER OF WEEKS BEFORE THE LANGUAGE IS WORKED OUT. WE
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BE SEEKING TO ENSURE THAT THE CONTENT OF SUCH LEGISLATION WILL BE SUCH AS NOT TO IMPAIR OUR FUNDAMENTAL DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS.

5. I WOULD LIKE FAHD TO KNOW THAT THE PRESIDENT IS ALSO DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE HELPFUL ATTITUDE THAT THE SAG HAS SHOWN ON THESE MATTERS, AND THAT HE HAS AUTHORIZED ME TO PURSUE THE CONSTRUCTIVE COURSE OUTLINED IN MY STATEMENT TO THE CONGRESS AND IN THIS MESSAGE. OTHER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS WILL BE SIMILARLY GUIDED IN DEALING WITH BOYCOTT MATTERS.

6. FINALLY, SAY THAT THE PRESIDENT IS LOOKING FORWARD TO

GREETING FAHD HERE. WE CONSIDER HIS VISIT EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF BOTH THE BROADER INTERESTS WHICH WE SHARE IN REGIONAL STABILITY AND PEACE, AND OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.
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